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Why Don't Children Do As They Are Told?

Thursday, March 18th will be the last of a series of Child Training meetings to be held in Aromas at the school. Psychologists will be present to help parents solve the problem, "Why Don't Children Do As They Are Told?"

Every parent should make it a point to be at this meeting.

What's Doing in A.I.A.

Spring is here again and time to start planning on what you are going to enter in the annual Hobby Show in May. Still getting comments on its outstanding success last year! Let us all make it bigger and better this year. The enthusiasm and ideas of all Aromans makes our Hobby Show. Let's talk this over and plan it next meeting of A.I.A. March 10th.

The question of Aromas Road being called Blohm Avenue is again in discussion and a petition is being circulated among the home owners—will know the result this meeting.

Shall we give prizes for best out door lighting next Christmas?

We will hope to have Art Greathead of the Agriculture Department speak on the possibilities of growing bulbs commercially here in Aromas.

Our Pot Luck dinner and Youth nite was a big success.

We do have some wonderful cooks in our community, the food was plentiful. The program by the children was enjoyed, with well over a hundred present. I wish to thank the Scout Leaders and their troop committees, and every one who helped to make the evening a success.

The people of Aromas together make our association and their ideas and suggestions on how to improve our lovely valley are expected.

So, come and bring your neighbors and let's plan, and then DO IT!

Improvement Ass'n Meeting

THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Civic Center . . . 8:00 o'clock

It's Everyone's Job to be There—See "What's Doing at A.I.A."

Aromas Home of the Month

Owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Molyneux

Ever wondered why the Molyneux Home is called "The Chateau" (Castle)?? I'll tell you. It is because it is jolly well built like one—to last. With its hillside location on Carpenteria and tremendous foundations, it deserves a moat and drawbridge! We drove up past the garage and trellised steps to a wide front lawn. Dismounting from our chariot, we were challenged by Sentry Spang—and passed to Mr. Molyneux, his wife and her brother, Mr. Weiant. There is so much to tell we'd better hurry. Even then, justice can't be done. Rough outlay from left to right. **Front:**—Master bedroom, entrance hall, living room and kitchen. **Back:**—Son Stuart's bath, Mr. Weiant's and dining rooms. Laundry behind kitchen. Through the centre, a passage lined with the most detailed closets, and cupboards imaginable. There can be no excuse for untidiness here— no kidding! Here, too, is the stairway entrance to the basement. From the front, panelled entrance hall, with it's visitor's cloakroom, we entered the magnificent, lofty living room. Lower walls panelled in exquisite knotty pine, upper part covered in peach "Velvet" texture plaster. Opposite the door is the great fireplace with its Owl Iron "Dogs". To the right a wide bay window from whence one has a glorious view of the Aromas Valley and Hills. All floors, by the way, are of hardwood. Here, they are centrally covered by two soft, royal blue Chinese carpets. Comfortable furniture, with one or two fine antique pieces. Opposite the window, is an archway leading to the dining

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Editorial

How times do change! Faces too! Very few of the folks who helped to make our little town what it is, now make up the population of Aromas. For one reason or other, they are scattered far and wide. However, their hearts and interests are still with us in their old home town. This month's edition of the Booster is dedicated to them. Let us at this time give them thanks for their labors, their forethought and their dreams which have built for us this spot which we hold dear.

Let us also pledge to them our whole hearted devotion to the cause of **continuing to build.** We must go ON from where they left off. We must NOT stand still or we will slip backward. The conditions that were sufficient in 1930 are not sufficient in 1954 —IF we are to continue to build.

The following quotation is dedicated TO the people of Aromas in HONOR of those who have built the trails before us.

MAY I ALWAYS BUILD

I will open my eyes to **Vision,** that I may unlock the message in the stone and the clay. Let me sense in the sand and the iron and the tree the Mystery beyond all mysteries, the Building beyond all building. With Vision MAY I ALWAYS BUILD.

Builders of Aromas

In the past two issues we have requested Ex-Aromans to send in stories of themselves and their families. This month we are featuring those who complied with our request. Sorry we did not hear from more of you—Maybe next time?

—BUILDERS—

Lois Chadwell Kellogg

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Chadwell, Lois graduated from the Aromas School and was a **Builder** in Church and Community Activities before her marriage. She now lives in Martinez where her husband is employed. She enjoys the Booster and will receive it every month.

It Takes So Little

Suggestion was made by our Garden Editor that everyone fix up his mail box, and quite a number have been painted. Ray Schuyler's is really outstanding with the clear lettering and the shiny red flag.

This thought occurred to your editor; it would take no more than for every family in Aromas to paint up his mail box, to make this town outstanding. Did you ever see a place with every mail box painted?

Let's do it! It takes so little!

Bit of History

Visiting with Grandma Edmundson, who has resided on San Miguel Road for 58 years was a real pleasure. She remembers when only the Kortright Store and Mr. Faes' Blacksmith Shop was Aromas and most of the Valley was one ranch. Supplies were picked up at the Southern Pacific Depot in Aromas.

April 11, Mrs. Edmundson will be 91 years old, and we plan to print her picture and her history in the April issues of the Booster.

FIRST R.R. DEPOT IN AROMAS

Left to right: Mayor Abbey of San Juan, Ren Martin, Ruby (Shoemaker) Sissons, J. B. Hickman, Mrs. Horton, Murdock Nicholson. Are we moving backwards? No depot at all now. No doubt due to bus and car transportation.

REMINISCING BY MARY NICHOLSON

The first Sunday School attended by the Nicholson children in Aromas was held under the large oak tree on the Addotto ranch. An organ was moved out of the house, (then owned by Elsie Torrey) who with the aid of F. Hawkins, Mrs. Baldwin, and the then visiting minister, Rev. Cable, started this Sunday School, fifty eight years ago.

Later, the Sunday School was moved into a barn across the Railroad Tracks. The next move was into one of the little one room school houses where it stayed until the present Baptist Church was built (that is, the first edition of it.)

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sproul were pioneers in this church and are still faithful workers in it.

Blohm Avenue was once closed by a gate as it left the Railroad to enter the Blohm Ranch (now Birbeck's) in order to get over to San Juan Road.

Editor's Note: It is this old road still on the County map of Aromas which has fouled up the road numbering in Monterey County—also the absence on that map of several later roads.

The Aromas Road Numbering Committee, after all of its labors, has it all to do over again due to these errors. A new County map will have to be made or corrected.

By the way, its name on that old map is **Blohm Avenue**—always has been! Let us honor the folks who helped to build Aromas by keeping the old family names on our roads.

Inside Your Home

By EDNA L. BRESLAWSKY, Interior Designer

VISTA IN YOUR HOME

Some time ago I discussed color schemes for the home; for the house as a whole, not separate color schemes for each room. It matters not what the source of your inspiration, nor which room you choose as your starting point. What does matter is that you keep in mind all the colors as you develop the plan for each room. No two rooms need look the same, but it is important that you echo all or most of the colors in varying amounts thru the separate rooms. By so doing, you can create familiar yet lovely color vistas as seen thru doorways, halls, alcoves, windows, patios, etc.

You may have heard discussion of the idea of tying the outdoors to the indoors with color. That does not mean painting all the outside like the inside of the house. That could be very monotonous. Rather, use lighter or darker values of the color or better, a different color outside than inside, while using some of the outside color on a chair or box or ornament indoors. For example, your eye picks up the blue of a chair, sees the main surrounding color—let's say, yellow—and then picks up the blue of the fence outside. This gives the feeling of perspective. The same ideas apply thruout the house, especially in the homes of open plan where one room develops into another by virtue of a missing wall or only partial wall or perhaps, just by placement of furniture.

Vistas usually bring to mind landscapes. It is not everyone's fortune to have the house so oriented that beautiful landscapes are seen thru windows. If not, create your own lovely vistas. It can be a small enclosed garden or a view into the next room.

Whatever it is, plan it so as to bring quiet pleasure to the viewer no matter how often seen.

Wagon Wheel Miracle

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Totten performed a one day miracle in completely transforming their home by the removal of the fence and substituting a huge yellow wagon wheel.

The use of Wagon Wheels was one of the suggestions made by the Beautification Committee for carrying out the Early California Ranch Style as a basic theme for Aromas.

A friend has placed an old fashioned ranch wagon, filled to over flowing with growing flowers in her large front yard—gives a very charming and original effect.

Let's use our originality in our yards to make Aromas different in an Early California Ranch Style way.

It takes just a touch to perform the miracle.

—BUILDERS—

The "Mac" McCoys

The home and farm which is now owned by the Wiseleys was a busy place thirty years ago when the McCoys were raising their family of three children there.

Louise, who is now Mrs. Matt Mello, received a copy of the Booster and was so happy and surprised to know that Aromas has a paper through which she could hear of old friends.

The Mello's have a beautiful new home on Amesti Road, overlooking Pinto Lake. They have one daughter. Mr. Mello is Agricultural Commissioner of Santa Cruz County.

Louise's mother, Mrs. Chas. McCoy lives with her.

The editor's fondest memory of Louise is a vivacious young teen-ager standing on her head and performing other funny antics at 4H Club Meetings.

Now she is a Builder herself and another of which Aromas can be proud.

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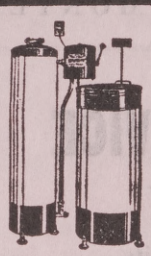

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—BUILDERS—

Lillian Hayer Dinkel

Do you remember the Hayer family who lived in Aromas twenty-four years ago? Through the television program put on by Troop 29 of the Girl Scouts, Lillian has again gotten in touch with her old friends in Aromas. She and her husband have a new home in Carmel Valley and are happy raising their family of two boys and one girl. Daughter Linda, 13, is a lovely little dancer and mother and father are very proud of their three children.

Earle Hayer has been in Anchorage, Alaska for the past year. He is with the Air Force, works on the newspaper up there, and keeps up with his regular job of sending radio messages. Has a special ability of expressing himself in writing and we hope to have some of same in Booster soon.

Lillian developed her natural gift in music, became a singer and had her own radio program before her marriage.

Hats off to these Aromas Children who are filling their niche in the world with high honor.

Following is an excerpt from Lillian's letter!

"I have received two of the Aromas Boosters, and I certainly get a big kick out of reading about people that I knew when I was a child. The story about **Dolan Marshall,** for instance. When I think of him, I think of a tow headed little boy just one or two years younger than myself, and thousands of freckles. Of course, I am not making fun of freckles, because I had my share and more. But when I read about his remodeling the old Pioneer Grocery store where we used to buy candy from Mr. Kortright, and also some of the groceries for the family, I get little shivers up and down my spine. That old store was certainly the landmark of Aromas. I would just love to see what Dolan and his wife have done to it.

I certainly admire the little town of Aromas, and apart from being one of the loveliest places I have ever seen (and I have done a considerable bit of traveling) I give its citizens so much credit for wanting to keep it as it is, and still make it more beautiful."

Sincerely, Lillian Hayer Dinkel

Spring Is Here

Whether the calendar says or not, we know it from all of the gardens going in and other activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Rogers with the very interested help of young **Ronnie,** are clearing the Willows below their house. They have pulled all of the horehound which seems to thrive in their yard, and are now working to defeat it in their pasture.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Herrlich have added a new bedroom and service porch to each of their Carr Avenue houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Fann are busy planting their loamy soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mullen have a large garden planted and are clearing the land back of their house.

A large garden has been planted by **Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hall.**

A pocket sized garden by **Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wilson**—it's up too; big one to follow we bet.

Delmar Silliman has plowed the front of their place and it looks fine. Many more we know—these have been reported.

AROMAS

Blessings on the little town
Where true friendship still abounds
Where bright scarlet roses grow
And spread their welcome to and fro.

—M. Dever

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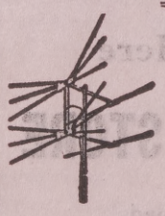

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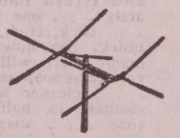

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Youth News

GIRL SCOUTS AND BROWNIES

Troop 29 enjoyed a 10 mile cross country hike February 22 to the Rocks on Highway 101. The Rocks were explored until the Juaquin Murietta Cave was found. A candle lighting ceremony was held in the cave dedicated to Thinking Day which was February 22. Each girl vowed to do all she could to establish Scouting all over the world. The hike completed the last requirement for the girls' Rock and Mineral Badge.

The girls making the trip were Bernice Bispo, Judy Ruda, Mary Ann Borba, Patty Perry, Jessie Combs, Vernetta Armor, Mary Jane Gurley, Carolyn Hall, Donna Webb, Janet White, Judy Ohashi and Sharon Reed accompanied by Ruby Hall and Leola Reed.

Viola White and Ruby Hall attended a folk dancing class February 17 at La Selva Beach. The class was taught by Mrs. Marjorie Hitchings, Girl Scouts Neighborhood chairman for the district.

A visit to the Rock and Mineral show in Salinas on February 28, was the reward given to the girls who had the best rock collections. Girls enjoying the trip were: Donna Webb, Judy Ohashi, Vernetta Armor, Carolyn Hall, Penny Bixler, Sharon Reed and Janet White.

The consultant for this badge, Donald Snyder, of Watsonville was the Judge for winning collections.

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OUR THANKS

Troop 29 wishes to publicly thank those who have assisted us on this badge: Donald Snyder, Consultant; Mrs. H. B. Pavey and Miss Pavey, Mrs. Albert Snyder, Mr. Arthur Jarvis, Jolley's Jewelers, Granite Rock Quarry, **All of our Parents.**

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Troop 31 are still working on the picture frames and table mats which they plan to sell at the Hobby Show. At the February 25 meeting the girls learned to set trails. A hike and cook-out are being planned for the near future, reports their leader, Mrs. Yoshida.

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Troop 50 had their investiture service at their Valentine Party February 10. The following girls received pins: Carol Miller, Marie Hall, Henrietta D'Haveloose, Kay Super, Carolyn Martinez, Beverly Williamson, Marianne Webb; Cathy Robedeau received a clover pin. The girls are learning to embroider. Mrs. Teresa Fann is the new co-leader with Mrs. Clark, taking Mrs. Giorvas place.

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CUB SCOUTS

All the Cub Scouts attended the Scout-O-Rama in Watsonville, February 27. A hike has been planned for March 7, reports Cub Master, Leo Caudill.

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MANY YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN CHURCH GROUP

Young People of the Community Baptist Church have a rolling good time at their monthly skating parties.

Both girls and boys basketball teams have been organized and are doing their share of winning.

A trip to the snow is planned by the Church group on March 13.

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JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB

By Reporter Sandra Hopper

At the Junior Garden Club meeting, February 18, we discussed the details of the club. Sandra Hopper was appointed reporter, Judy Ruda and Bernice Bispo are to take care of the scrapbook. Philip Smith is president; Annette Smith, secretary, and Judy Scotti, treasurer. Mrs. German, Mrs. Totten, Mrs. Blohm and Mrs. Cozzens attended the meeting. Philip Smith conducted the meeting. Mrs. German showed us a flowerpot she made. It is a jar set in woven reeds. Philip Smith, Annette Smith and Judy Scotti will receive a beautiful climbing rose for being officers. There is a large amount of members in the club. They are interested in planting flowers. Each member will receive a copy of the "Pledge." The "Pledge" will be recited at each meeting.

Chat with Art Greathead

MORE INCOME FOR AROMAS— FARM WORK AVAILABLE

Commercial flower bulb raising in Aromas? I think it can be done in small areas. The climate is good and the soil sandy. Many flowers can be planted in the late fall and with very little additional water produce bulbs in the late spring.

Of course it's one thing to raise them and another thing to find a buyer for them. Anyone who is interested please contact me and perhaps I can investigate the market possibilities

Recently I heard of several families in Aromas who have been in serious need of work. I talked with the Salinas area Farm Labor Office manager the other day and he tells me that there is work available So if you know of anyone who needs a job and is willing to do ranch work have them contact either the Salinas or the Watsonville Farm Labor Office. Their job is to know what farm work is available and then to find people who will fill these jobs.

Arthur Greathead
Farm Advisor

Spring

By Glenna Goodwin

Oh it's coming, Spring is coming
I can feel it in the air
I looked outside my window
And saw a robin there!
Oh it's coming, Spring is coming
The grass is turning green
Where just last week I noticed
Last of Winter's frost was seen.
So come my Friends, be happy!
Let us laugh and let us sing,
For tomorrow, when you wake up
You, too, will welcome Spring!

—BUILDERS—

The John Winter Family

One of the most active families in helping to build Aromas was that of Mr. and Mrs. John Winter. They were Builders in the Grange, Farm Bureau, Home Extension, and lent their support to every worthwhile advancement. Their home and ranch is now the Tucker Ranch.

Daughter, Ardine, is now Mrs. Lauren Franchi, and lives in San Francisco. Her daughter Kathleen Gill Baroni, lives near-by, is a fine homemaker and mother of two charming little daughters. Son, Dale Gill, is in the insurance business in San Francisco, travels through Aromas quite frequently as he visits the Quarry and other business corporations; Recently made an extensive tour of Mexico.

Daughter Myrtle Pickerell, (Mrs. Henry Pickerel) lives in Yreka, is an active Builder in the church there and has raised two fine children, Wanda and Jack.

John Winters recently celebrated his 80th birthday at his home in Ione. Following is a letter from Ardine giving an account of it that will interest all of his old friends.

Happy Birthday, John, and may you have many more of them. Our thanks to you for the job you did of Building in Aromas.

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 25, 1954

DEAR FOLKS:

I thought that you folks would like to have a little note on the grand party that was given for our father and grandfather. Myrtle, Henry, Wanda and Jack arrived from Yreka a few minutes after we all arrived from San Francisco. Dale, Kathleen, Ardine, Jr., Claudia, Uncle Joe Gill and myself went up. Of course father knew that we were coming up for the week-end but he did not know of the gang that intended to surprise and celebrate him on his eightieth birthday. The folks hired the new school hall and kitchen. They set up three long tables, with flowers along the center of the tables. Dad has a cousin Charlie Winter, who is the minister of the Methodist Church in Jackson. Myrtle and I insisted that we as a family group should all go to church in Jackson that Sunday morn. On the way I told Dad it would be nice if some of cousin Charlie's family were there too from San Francisco, (all the time knowing they would be), so when we all went into the church, here was quite a group from San Francisco, Ione and Sacramento. So after church I told Dad that I had invited them down to Ione for a Pot-Luck Dinner. He thought that was a good idea. We took Dad back to Ione the long way round via the Pardee Dam. By the time we reached Ione the gang was all there at the school. Then we told Dad we wanted to see the new school. All the time he was having a fit because we didn't get home, he said the folks might be there from Jackson. There were about one hundred people gathered to wish him a happy birthday. Carl Snyder and his two children and Frances Snyder Blohm and her daughter came all the way from Aromas. Dad was so pleased to see them. I told him bout your letter and put your names on the TV card. Each one got up at the table and introduced themselves and their families and what relation they were to Dad or how long they had known him. When my cousin presented him with the TV, he just couldn't believe that this was happening to him. He cried, said people were just too good to him. We collected enough to put up a fifty foot antenna, that's a honey. If at any time you go up that way do stop in to see dad.

Sincerely, Ardine Franchi

At the Garden Gate

By Mildred German

It is time to plan shade gardens now. Work the area well by spading and raking the ground. Apply a light application of commercial fertilizer evenly and water in thoroughly. Commercial fertilizer is preferrable to barnyard manure in cool, shady and damp areas. Leaf mold used as a mulch or in the planting pockets is very desirable.

Choice of plants for quick color that can be set out now are cinnararias, primroses and caleolarias (pocket-book plant). This location also lends itself beautifully to the fancy leafed begonia house-plants. They take on new luster if planted out-of-doors after all danger of frost is past, and returned to warm quarters for the winter months. Ferns are a happy addition to the shade garden. Maiden hair fern if mulched liberally with leaf mold in late fall will winter over successfully.

Coleus slips may be rooted now; and will be large enough to replace the early blooming plants by midsummer. Many nurseries carry small coleus plants for bedding purposes at very reasonable prices. The best buy is to be had from Coleus grown in plant bands.

A Shade Garden's natural enemies are snails, slugs and sow bugs. These can be controlled by using snail bait in pellet form. Apply the pellets every three or four days in groups of 3 or 4 pellets.

For a permanent shade garden planting, there are myriads of Azelias, Rhododendrons, and Fuchias, to choose from.

Don't overlook the value of hanging baskets of trailing fuchias, tuberous begonias and companula. An example of a beautiful hanging garden is the one, under the boughs of an ancient oak at the Mary and Emma Nicholson home.

Next month we'll talk about potted plants for place and show in the home garden.

Everyone's Job

Have you stopped by the Plant Exchange table and wondered why the ones in charge didn't clean it up? Again, just as the A.I.A. **is the people of Aromas,** so the Plant Exchange table is the responsibility of **everyone. No one is in charge of it,** so when you see something that needs doing feel free to get busy and **Do It!**

Who's New in Aromas

This month we want to give a hearty welcome to the folks who have built their lovely redwood house in the orchard just as you turn in from San Juan Road at the top of Hunter's Hill. **Catherine and Johnny Fowler** are enjoying their labors of the last seven months. They worked week-ends with the help of some friends and now have a comfortable home with a beautiful view.

They moved away two and a half years ago when they exchanged their home for one in Santa Cruz, but Aromas still seemed like home, so back they came. Catherine's folks, **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith** live in the former Geo. Rollins house next door to their new home. Johnny hailed from Missouri as a young man. He has his own business, Distributor for this part of the country for Nutrilite Food Supplement. Catherine works in the office of Chas. Ford Co. She was born in Monterey. They have a daughter, Harriet Culbertson who was married last year and lives in Salinas.

Their home is very modern with beautiful natural grain flush doors thru out. The living room has an inviting fireplace, lovely soft brown walls which subdue the wealth of sunlight which comes in from the floor to ceiling windows. The kitchen is spacious and well planned with a dining area at one end which they plan to decorate with a gay paper. The bedrooms have large closets with sliding doors.

JOE and VERNIE BELL have purchased the old Eipper ranch this year from the last owners, the Greg Pinkstons. Joe is retired from Government Service. He has been stationed in various western states since 1907. He spent quite some time on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. Vernie used to have a Ceramic business in Pasadena. Ceramics is only a hobby with her now.

The Bells moved here from Pacific Grove where they lived five years. They like our climate and are happy they moved here. If their families all come home at one time, they will have a house full, as Vernie has three sons. The youngest is in Japan in the Air Force. Joe has two sons and two daughters—all their children are married. They have redecorated, improved their grounds and have lots of plans for the future. They are raising miniature Pekinese.

—BUILDERS— *Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dever*

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dever who were Aromans some years ago have contributed an unlimited amount of **building** to Aromas. Dedicating their lives to raising a fine family and to church and civic duties their efforts are living on in Aromas in their daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Claire Denny, who though Ex-Aromans, still give a major of their time and love to the Youth of our Community through their service in the Community Baptist Church.

Following is Mrs. Dever's letter:

DEAR FRIEND:

For a long time I have wanted to congratulate you on the Improvement Plan in Aromas.

I will always have a warm spot in my heart for Aromas and feel that it contributed wonderfully in the up-bringing of our daughters.

We are very happy with our home in San Jose where Mr. Dever has a Motor Rebuilding business. I spend my time as wife, gardener and with church activities.

It is always a delight to me, however, to visit with friends in Aromas and feel again the warm friendliness of the community such as no other place I have ever known.

Best of Luck. Sincerely, Mrs. Ed. L. Dever

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HOME OF THE MONTH

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room whose table was covered with a fine crochet cloth, made by Mrs. M. The right corner here leads to the kitchen where the decor is in white and red and the stove flue, joins that of the main chimney. Immediately behind this room is the laundry which also serves as changing room for the men when they have been doing dirty work. An extra shower is valuable, isn't it? There's one, here. At the other end of the diner, is the central passage. First here, we reach Mr. Weiant's room, which was once the study. So he doesn't have to go far for a book when he can't sleep! Then the bathroom in peach and blue. At the far end, Stuart's. By his door, is one leading back to the entrance hall and the Master bedroom. This is papered in gentle green and silver. The windows share the valley view. The walk-in closet here is soon to be dismantled and altered. All sleeping quarters have good windows, pleasant furniture and none overdone.

But let us go down into the basement. Men—you never saw such a place! It is vast. One end is the double garage. There is also a preserve room, furnace room, workshop and room to spare when the family get to arranging a Rumpus Room!

From the furnace, heating vents go to every room. All this work was done by the brother-in-law, who is a skilled plumbing engineer. Now, if anyone wants to learn to build a house, having first to dynamite part of the hillside for basement and foundation, here is a classic example. It really is a masterpiece of ingenuity, craftsmanship and darned hard work.

The Molyneux family hail from New Jersey. Although trained from an early age, to be a carpenter, Mr. Molyneux became a Methodist Minister quite a while back. When this last war was declared, he offered himself to the country as a Chaplain to the Forces, was accepted, and sent to the West Coast, leaving his wife and son behind. Later, they went to live in Florida. As Chaplain, our friend has served from Alaska to various parts of the country and eventually arrived at Camp McQuade, via Naval Transport, Engineering Combat Units and pastoring 5,000 coloured soldiers. Via Camp McQuade, he "found" Watsonville. At last, his wife and son could join him. Meanwhile, the brother had come across. Then, to find a home. Mr. Molyneux joined the Baptist Church and became Minister at the Community Church in Aromas. He had the opportunity of buying two large warehouses at a disused Air Base near Salinas—and did. With Mr. Weiant's help, these were dismantled. Imagine the task of removing the thousands of nails! Brother-in-law did this and arranged for the "fining down" of the wood, so as to show the grain. Friends, neighbors, members of the Church all pitched in in varying ways, and helped get under way. It would need a finer pen than mine to tell you all.

By this time, as Mr. Molyneux was lecturing in Wood Work (Carpentry) at Watsonville High School, he used his house as a "guinea pig" (his words) for them. After lecturing on a certain procedure, he would bring the group over and set them to work. Wasn't this a sensible and pleasant way of teaching youngsters how to **do** things? It took just over a year to make it 'livable in', but it has not long been

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The Navarre Family

Old timers will remember Mr. and Mrs. Navaree who lived on Snyder Avenue, established the home and farm there and raised a large family of boys who are now scattered and doing a job of building themselves.

Mrs. Navarre now lives with Hugh and his family in Watsonville and was thrilled to hear of her old friends in Aromas through the Booster.

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really finished. Mr. Weiant attends to gardening and vegetable raising. Stuart is just out of the Navy and trying to make up his mind what he wants to tackle most; Mr. Molyneux is teaching Manual Arts and Physical Training at Moss Landing School and Mrs. Molyneux cares for them all and takes a very active part in all Community work. As there is a new Minister in this area, Mr. Molyneux is now attached to the First Baptist Church in Watsonville.

Between them all, isn't there a good record of service in this family? Not only here, but from thousands of miles away. It seems to me that where there has been so wide an experience of living and giving, there must also be a great love of mankind. For my part, I am particularly attracted to one who not only has served as a Minister of the Gospel, but who has worked, even as the Man of Nazareth did, and who still does. I know I have not done justice to you all as either residents, workers, servers or builders. Readers, you know this family so much better than I, you can fill in the gaps. But, I am certain that, in spite of this, you will feel how greatly blessed we have been and are, in having such people with us. Please accept our thanks for all you have done, all you are doing and may we who have benefitted repay by serving others. We are glad you volunteered and came so far from home and appreciate what it must have meant. Many places and many people are all the better for having known you. In fact, "it's people like you that make people like me, like people like you!"

—BUILDERS—

James McDade

Young grandson of Mrs. Lucy Hilkey and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Irvan Noah, James McDade delighted in living in Aromas during his boyhood. James is now Building as a member of the State Park Commission at the San Juan Mission, still enjoys visiting Aromas and likes the Aromas Booster.

Quotes of the Month

Leonard Smiley: (With the Army Ordinance in Pusan, Korea) "Gee, after I read that Aromas paper and compared it with this place over here, it sounded like paradise. The way they talk about planting all those flowers and everything."

Sadie Warren: "Years ago when my husband and I entered Aromas from the top of Carpenteria, Aromas was a picture unfolding beneath the clouds against the hillsides."

"I can't understand why anyone wouldn't want the sewer in Aromas. Sure need one!"

Mrs. White (Whitie): "After living here twenty years, I've found no nicer place to live and there must be many others of the same mind."

Mary Nicholson: "The hobos used to call Aromas 'Paradise Valley' and it is."

(Mary's father used to pick up hobos and bring them as far as Aromas. When he asked them where they wanted out, they always said, "Paradise Valley.")

Viola White: "Janet has already had more experiences in her Girl Scout Activities, than I have had in my whole life."

Elsie Dethlefsen: "I'm working on my Tumbleweed Christmas Tree to enter in your very fine Hobby Show."

Get busy everybody on your entries for the Hobby Show in May!

Girl Scout Cookie Sale in April

You have never been asked to donate to Girl Scout activities. The $4,000 which is required to meet this year's budget for the Watsonville Area will be raised by the Sale of Girl Scout Cookies. They are delicious filled cookies which you can enjoy, knowing that you are helping to make Girl Scouting possible for our Aromas Girls. So—**be generous**—when the girls call at your door.

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Hats Off!

To the Volunteer Fire Department for the good looking new windows in the Fire House.

To Art Greathead for his sincere and practical interest in Aromas. Art is spending great deal of time in Aromas now a days trying to figure out ways and means to increase the income of the individual small farmer here. Also he gets his article for the Booster in right on time every monh.

To the Junior Garden Club— the only organization in Aromas that has appointed a reporter to turn in its news to the Booster.

To the Business End of the Booster: our Business Manager, **Lorene Hopper**, who systematically sends out statements to all of our advertisers each month and writes them nice little letters of Thanks and sometimes reminders—does a wonderful job; **Leo Herrlich**, Advertising Manager, who contacts and rounds up enough advertising each month to pay a large part of the expense of publishing the Booster—Thanks to you both!

—BUILDERS—

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scarbrough
(Jane Combs)

A leader among the youth of Aromas, Jane Combs was an inspiration and an outstanding example of a wholesome Christian girl dedicated to her calling.

Richmond, California

DEAR BOOSTER EDITOR:

We get a copy of the Booster occasionally and it is like a letter from home.

The most important things to speak of are sons Russel 4, and Jimmie, 3 months. Herbert is employed by Santa Fe in Richmond which has been our home since our marriage five years ago.

Our dream is to buy a home near San Jose, which is near Herbert's work, and where we may have a garden and a small home orchard. But Aromas will always be home to me and we hope always to live close enough to visit there often.

Sincerely, Joyce Combs Scarbrough
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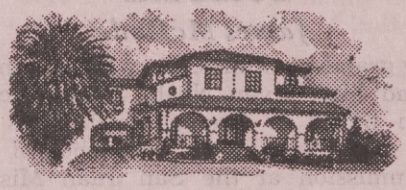

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